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Driver Manual
(Supplement to the FieldServer Instruction Manual)

FS-8700-03 DF1

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1. Allen Bradley DF1 Description

The DF1 driver allows the FieldServer to transfer data to and from devices over RS-232 using DF1 protocol. The FieldServer can emulate either a Server or Client.

The information that follows describes how to expand upon the factory defaults provided in the configuration files included with the FieldServer.

2. Driver Scope of Supply

2.1. Supplied by FieldServer Technologies for this driver

FieldServer Technologies PART #	Description
FS-8915-10	UTP cable (7 foot) for RS-232 use
FS-8917-06	RJ45 to DB9M connection adapter
FS-8700-03	Driver Manual.

2.2. Provided by the Supplier of 3rd Party Equipment

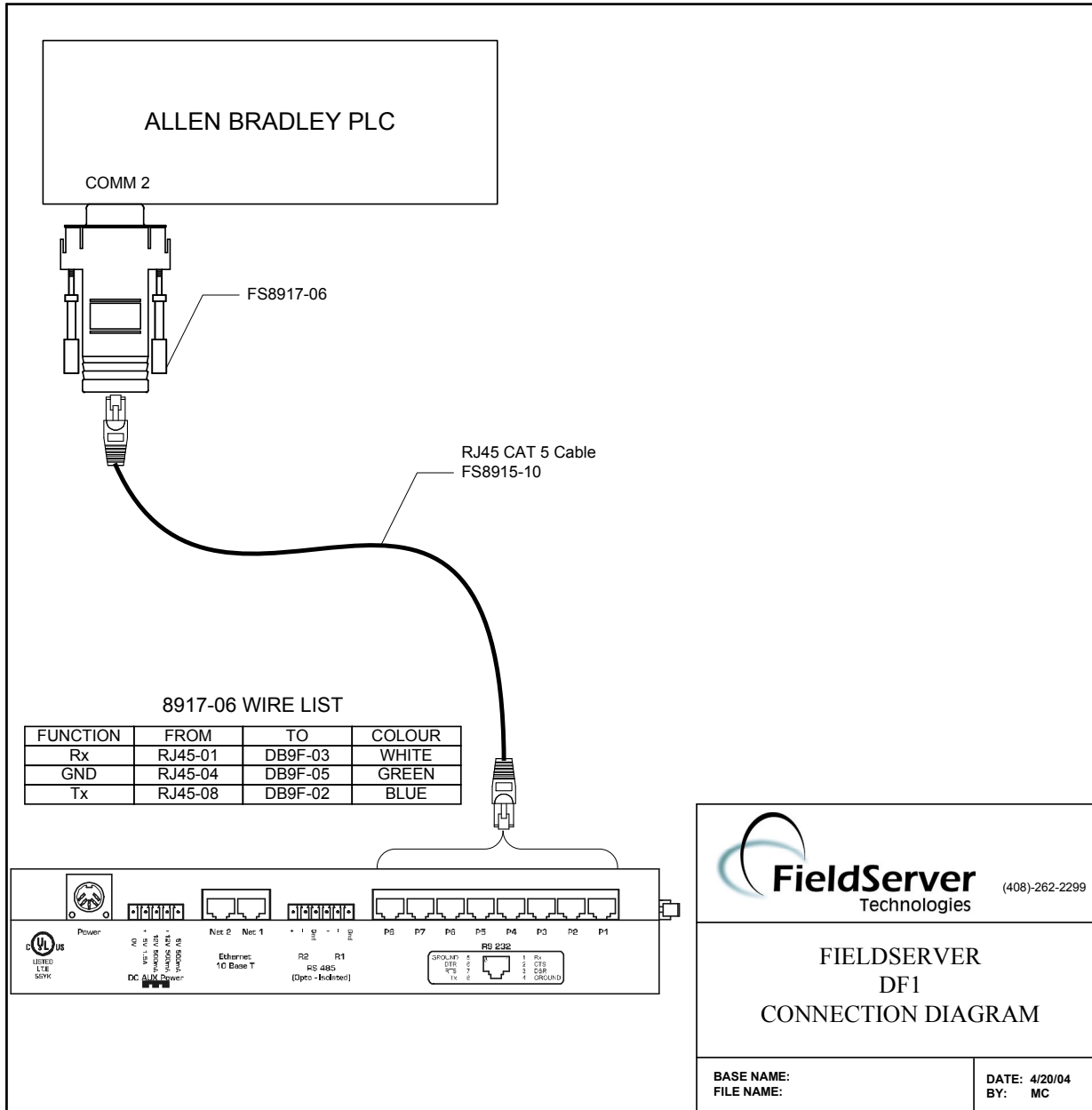
PART #	DESCRIPTION
	AB DF1 compatible PLC, e.g. SLC5/03, PLC 5/40, etc. ¹
	DF1 Client, e.g. Wonderware, Intellution FIX, GE Cimplicity, etc. ²

¹ If FieldServer used as Allen Bradley DF1 Client

² If FieldServer used as Allen Bradley DF1 Server

3. Hardware Connections

It is possible to connect an Allen Bradley PLC to any of the RS-232 ports. These ports simply need to be configured for an Allen Bradley PLC in the configuration file.



4. Configuring the FieldServer as a DF1 Client

For a detailed discussion on FieldServer configuration, please refer to the FieldServer Configuration Manual. The information that follows describes how to expand upon the factory defaults provided in the configuration files included with the FieldServer (See “.csv” sample files provided with the FS).

This section documents and describes the parameters necessary for configuring the FieldServer to communicate with a DF1 Server

4.1. Data Arrays/Descriptors

The configuration file tells the FieldServer about its interfaces, and the routing of data required. In order to enable the FieldServer for DF1 communications, the driver independent FieldServer buffers need to be declared in the “Data Arrays” section, the destination device addresses need to be declared in the “Client Side Nodes” section, and the data required from the Servers needs to be mapped in the “Client Side Map Descriptors” section. Details on how to do this can be found below.

Note that in the tables, * indicates an optional parameter, with the **bold** legal value being the default.

Section Title		
Data_Arrays		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Data_Array_Name	Provide name for Data Array	Up to 15 alphanumeric characters
Data_Format	Provides data format	INT16, INT32, BIT, FLOAT
Data_Array_Length	Number of Data Objects	1-10,000

Example

// Data Arrays		
Data_Array_Name,	Data_Format,	Data_Array_Length
DA_AI_01,	Float,	200
DA_AO_01,	Float,	200
DA_DI_01,	Bit,	200
DA_DO_01,	Bit,	200

4.2. Client Side Connections

Section Title		
Connections		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Port	Specify which port the device is connected to the FieldServer	P1-P8 ³
Baud*	Specify baud rate	300 to 115200; 9600
Parity*	Specify parity	Even, Odd, None
Data_Bits*	Specify data bits	8
Handshaking* ⁴	Specify hardware handshaking	RTS, RTS/CTS, None
Protocol *	Specify protocol used	DF1_FD, DF1_HD_MASTER, DF1_HD_SLAVE

Example

// Client Side Connections		
Ports,		
Port,		Protocol
P8,		DF1_FD

4.3. Client Side Node Descriptors

Section Title		
Nodes		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Node_Name	Provide name for node	Up to 32 alphanumeric characters
Node_ID	Node ID of physical Server node (PLC)	1-255
Protocol	Specify protocol used	DF1_FD, DF1_HD_MASTER, DF1_HD_SLAVE
Port	Specify which port the device is connected to the FieldServer	P1-P8 ³
PLC_Type	Specify PLC Communications type.	PLC3, PLC5, SLC5

Example

// Client Side Nodes				
Nodes				
Node_Name,	Node_ID,	Protocol,	PLC_Type,	Port
PLC_01,	1,	DF1_FD,	SLC5,	P8

³ Not all ports shown are necessarily supported by the hardware. Consult the appropriate Instruction manual for details of the ports available on specific hardware.

⁴ Handshaking is not supported, only the enabling of the RTS/CTS lines

4.4. Client Side Map Descriptors

4.4.1. FieldServer Related Map Descriptor Parameters

Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Map_Descriptor_Name	Name of this Map Descriptor	Up to 32 alphanumeric characters
Data_Array_Name	Name of Data Array where data is to be stored in the FieldServer	One of the Data Array names from "Data Array" section above
Data_Array_Offset	Starting location in Data Array	0 to maximum specified in "Data Array" section above
Function	Function of Client Map Descriptor	RDBC, WRBC, WRBX

4.4.2. Driver Related Map Descriptor Parameters

Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Node_Name	Name of Node to fetch data from	One of the node names specified in "Client Node Descriptor" above
File_Type	File type in PLC	N, F, B, I, O ⁵
File_Number	File Number in PLC	0-255
Address	Starting address of read block	0 – 255
Data_Array_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Data Array	-32767 to 32767, 0
Data_Array_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Data Array	-32767 to 32767, 100
Node_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Connected Node	-32767 to 32767, 0
Node_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Connected Node	-32767 to 32767, 100

⁵ Not all PLC's can support all File_Types. Refer to DFS for further information.

4.4.3. Map Descriptor Example

```
// Client Side Map Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Node_Name, File_Type, File_Number, Address, Length, Scan_Interval
CMD_AI_01, DA_AI_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, N, 10, 0, 16, 1.0s
CMD_AO_01, DA_AO_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, N, 11, 0, 16, 1.0s
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Node_Name, File_Type, File_Number, Address, Length, Scan_Interval
CMD_DI_01, DA_DI_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, B, 12, 0, 16, 1.0s
CMD_DO_01, DA_DO_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, B, 13, 0, 16, 1.0s
```

5. Configuring the FieldServer as a DF1 Server

For a detailed discussion on FieldServer configuration, please refer to the FieldServer Configuration Manual. The information that follows describes how to expand upon the factory defaults provided in the configuration files included with the FieldServer (See “.csv” files on the driver diskette).

This section documents and describes the parameters necessary for configuring the FieldServer to communicate with a DF1 Client.

The configuration file tells the FieldServer about its interfaces, and the routing of data required. In order to enable the FieldServer for DF1 communications, the driver independent FieldServer buffers need to be declared in the “Data Arrays” section, the FieldServer virtual node(s) needs to be declared in the “Server Side Nodes” section, and the data to be provided to the Clients needs to be mapped in the “Server Side Map Descriptors” section. Details on how to do this can be found below.

Note that in the tables, * indicates an optional parameter, with the bold legal value being the default.

5.1. Server Side Connection Descriptions

Section Title		
Connections		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Port	Specify which port the device is connected to the FieldServer	P1-P8 ⁶
Baud*	Specify baud rate	300 to 115200; 9600
Parity*	Specify parity	Even, Odd, None
Data_Bits*	Specify data bits	8
Handshaking* ⁷	Specify hardware handshaking	RTS, RTS/CTS, None
Protocol	Specify protocol used	DF1_FD, DF1_HD_MASTER, DF1_HD_SLAVE

Example

// Server Side Connections		
Ports,		
Port,		Protocol
P1,		DF1_FD

⁶ Not all ports shown are necessarily supported by the hardware. Consult the appropriate Instruction manual for details of the ports available on specific hardware.

⁷ Handshaking is not supported, only the enabling of the RTS/CTS lines

5.2. Server Side Node Descriptions

Section Title		
Nodes		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Node_Name	Provide name for node	Up to 32 alphanumeric characters
Node_ID	Node ID of physical Server node	1-255
Protocol	Specify protocol used	DF1_FD, DF1_HD_MASTER, DF1_HD_SLAVE
PLC_Type	Specify PLC Communications type.	PLC3, PLC5, SLC5

Example

// Server Side Nodes			
Nodes			
Node_Name,	Node_ID,	Protocol,	PLC_Type
DF1_Srv_11,	11,	DF1_FD,	SLC5

5.3. Server Side Map Descriptors

5.3.1. FieldServer Specific Map Descriptor Parameters

Section Title		
Map_Descriptors		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Map_Descriptor_Name	Name of this Map Descriptor	Up to 32 alphanumeric characters
Data_Array_Name	Name of Data Array where data is to be stored in the FieldServer	One of the Data Array names from "Data Array" section above
Data_Array_Offset	Starting location in Data Array	0 to maximum specified in "Data Array" section above
Function	Function of Client Map Descriptor	Server

5.3.2. Driver Specific Map Descriptor Parameters

Section Title		
Map_Descriptors		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Node_Name	Name of Node to fetch data from	One of the node names specified in "Client Node Descriptor" above
File_Type	File type in PLC	N, F, B, I, O ⁸
File_Number	File number in PLC	0-255
Address	Starting address of read block	0 - 255
Data_Array_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Data Array	-32767 to 32767, 0
Data_Array_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Data Array	-32767 to 32767, 100
Node_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Connected Node	-32767 to 32767, 0
Node_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Connected Node	-32767 to 32767, 100

⁸ Not all PLC's can support all File_Types. Refer to DFS for further information.

5.3.3. Map Descriptor Example

```
// Server Side Map Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Node_Name, File_Type, File_Number, Address, Length, Data_Array_Low_Scale
CMD_AI_01, DA_AI_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, N, 10, 0, 16, 1.0s
CMD_AO_01, DA_AO_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, N, 11, 0, 16, 1.0s

Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Node_Name, File_Type, File_Number, Address, Length, Scan_Interval
CMD_DI_01, DA_DI_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, B, 12, 0, 16, 1.0s
CMD_DO_01, DA_DO_01, 0, Rdbc, PLC_01, B, 13, 0, 16, 1.0s
```

Appendix A. Driver Notes

Appendix A.1. Continuous Map Descriptors

RS View has been known to crash if it tries to read a Server mapping that is discontinuous.

e.g. Server map 1: N21: 0-31
 Server map 2: N21: 32-100

This will panic the FieldServer and crash RS view as the DF1 will attempt to map N21: 0-100

If set up as:

Server Map 1: N21: 0-100 No problems are experienced

Appendix A.2. Checksum

You can now specify a checksum parameter for the serial connection.

The heading keyword is "Checksum" and the possible values are

1) BCC or 2) CRC-16

If nothing is specified it defaults to BCC.

Example:

Connections			
Port, P1,	Baud, 9600,	Protocol, DF1_FD,	Checksum CRC-16

The Checksum is valid for both DF1_FD and DF1_HD.

Appendix A.3. Command Support

The following commands are supported by the FieldServer for the various PLC types:

PLC_Type	File_Type	FNC	Read	FNC	Write	Typical Command
PLC3	N	1	Range Read	0	Range Write	N7: 3, L5
	F	1	Range Read	0	Range Write	F12: 3, L5
	B	1	Range Read	2	Bit Write	B3/4: 5, I5
PLC5	N	1	Range Read	0	Range Write	N7: 3, L5
	F	1	Range Read	67	Typed Write	F12: 3, L5
	B	1	Range Read	26	Read Modify Write	B3/4: 5, L5
SLC5	N	A2/A1	Protected Typed Logical Read	AA	Protected Typed Logical Write	N7: 3, L5
	F	A2/A1	Protected Typed Logical Read	AA	Protected Typed Logical Write	B3/4: 5, L7
	B	A2/A1	Protected Typed Logical Read	AB	Protected Typed Logical Write	B3/4: 5, L8
	I	A2/A1	Protected Typed Logical Read	-	-	I: 13, L5
	O	A2/A1	Protected Typed Logical Read	-	-	O: 13, L5

Appendix B. Error Messages

DF1 Rem STS err F0-> Extended error code [See table below]

EXT STS Codes for CMD 0F	
Hex Code	Explanation
0	Not used
1	A field has an illegal value
2	Less levels specified in address than minimum for any address
3	More levels specified in address than system supports
4	Symbol not found
5	Symbol is of improper format
6	Address doesn't point to something usable
7	File is wrong size
8	Cannot complete request, situation has changed since the start of the command
9	Data or file is too large
A	Transaction size plus word address is too large
B	Access denied, improper privilege
C	Condition cannot be generated - resource is not available
D	Condition already exists - resource is already available
E	Command cannot be executed
F	Histogram overflow
10	No access
11	Illegal data type
12	Invalid parameter or invalid data
13	Address reference exists to deleted area
14	Command execution failure for unknown reason; possible PLC-3 histogram overflow
15	Data conversion error
16	Scanner not able to communicate with 1771 rack adapter
17	Type mismatch
18	1771 module response was not valid
19	Duplicated label
22	Remote rack fault
23	Timeout
24	Unknown error
1A	File is open; another node owns it
1B	Another node is the program owner
1C	Reserved
1D	Reserved
1E	Data table element protection violation
1F	Temporary internal problem

These codes are for passthru from a DH+ link to a remote I/O link.

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